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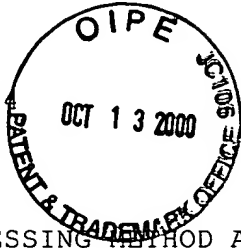
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Title: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND SYSTEM, AND MEDICAL EXAMINATION  
APPARATUS, FOR EXTRACTING A PATH FOLLOWING A THREADLIKE  
STRUCTURE IN AN IMAGE

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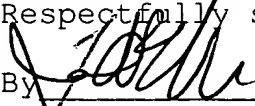
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In response to the NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION  
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Serial Number and filing date, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, and  
a copy of the Notice. Accordingly, the above-identified patent  
application is now complete.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 14-1270 in the  
amount of \$130.00 for the surcharge for filing the Declaration on a  
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Respectfully submitted,

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